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THE MAGISTRACY.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The following report upon the police
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Mr. F. A. Hazeland, was submitted to the
Legislative Council on Thursday.

Mr. Hazeland, First Police Magistrate,
was on leave from 1st January to 15th
November and Mr. Irving, Director of
Education, acted as First Police Magistrate
during his absence.

Mr. Wood, Second Police Magistrate,
acted as Director of Education from 1st
January to 17th September and went on
leave on 18th September.

Throughout the year Mr. Melbourne,
Deputy Registrar and Appraiser, acted as
second Police Magistrate.

Mr. Woodcock, Clerk to the Magistrates,
acted as Assistant Land Officer in addition
to his own duties from 1st January to 28th
November.

The number of cases was 13,450 as compared
with 10,471 in 1911; the revenue was
\$99,253.10 as compared with \$92,464.87
for 1911.

OIL FOR THE FLEET.

The British Admiralty have given in-
structions for another oil-carrying vessel
to be laid down at Pembroke Dockyard,
which will raise to ten the number of such
vessels built or building for the Navy.
Altogether the supply of oil fuel to the
Fleet will cost over a million sterling in
the current financial year. There are
now in commission about eighty torpedo-
boats and destroyers which burn oil fuel
exclusively, and the number is being in-
creased rapidly by the delivery of new
vessels, so no torpedo boat should be pre-
pared for it. It is very risky to wait until
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II—Fire Funds 3,399,114
III—Life & Annuity Funds 16,126,150
Sinking Fund Account 83,613
£22,561,236

Revenue Fire Branch.....2,507,153
Life and Annuity 1,978,269
Branches.....
Revenue Marine Department 262,692
Other Receipts.....430,193
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summer, and three in the summer of 1912. During the present year no fewer than five additional super-Dreadnoughts will be laid down. They will be of a distinctly novel type, for the twelve 13.4-inch guns which they are to carry will be mounted in only three turrets, with four guns in each. So far three guns to a turret has been the maximum. These ships will mount twenty-four 5.5-inch guns for defence against torpedo craft attack. France has hitherto treated three ships as the tactical unit, but in future she will adopt the four-ship division of all the other great navies. The ultimate object of the supplementary construction which is proposed by the new Minister of Marine, M. Baudin, is to give France by 1920 a total of 25 battleships of the Dreadnought type or their equivalent, and these are intended to organise on the basis of having in full commission two eight-ship squadrons and one flagship, leaving one eight-ship squadron in reserve. The construction of scout cruisers is to be accelerated. They are certainly needed, as France has not launched a single small cruiser since 1899. A revolutionary type of torpedo-boat is also proposed—a vessel of 1000 tons and 33 knots, armed with two 5.5-inch guns and with ten torpedo tubes. So far no destroyer has carried a heavier gun than the 4.7-inch, or has had more than four torpedo tubes. Altogether the proposals suggest that France is determined not to be left behind in the naval competition. She has no desire for sea power for purposes of aggression, but she has large interests to defend in many parts of the world, and all indications point to the fact that a strong naval position in the Mediterranean will in the next few years be more necessary than ever it was.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The motor vessel Ah Kwang, which was launched at Tientsin on May 11, underwent her trials yesterday.

The conference on maritime law, which is sitting at Copenhagen, has decided to form an international bureau which will draft proposals for increasing safety at sea.

The German steamer Hanks, 2,841 tons, has been purchased by Japan. She was built at Sunderland in 1894 with dimensions 310 ft. by 42 ft. 6 in. and was registered at Hamburg.

An Indian police sergeant was in the western district looking for burglars last night, when some one dumped a quantity of rubbish on to him from a veranda of one of the upper stories. The tenant was summoned before Mr. Malbourne today, and was fined \$1.

The Chargeur's Reunis' steamer Amiral Dreyer went ashore off Toulon on April 27 on a rocky bottom doing considerable damage to the hull and flooding the holds. She was refloated on April 30 and towed into Saigon where temporary repairs are being carried out.

Kowloon bathing parties are much inconvenienced by the state of the Police pier, practically the only convenient landing place open to them. Several of the steps are missing, and a few evenings ago a soldier who attempted to land fell into the water and narrowly escaped drowning.

Messrs. Andrew Weir have purchased from the Duckan Steamship Lines their two sister ships, Bulawayo and Johannesburg, for £25,000 each. The Bulawayo, which is of 4,207 tons gross, was built in 1895 on the Tyne with dimensions 300 ft. by 47 ft. by 27 ft. 6 in. and has accommodation for about 100 first-class passengers.

The construction of a wharf for steamers has been commenced on the property of the S.M.B. at Newchwang. The wharf will have a length of nearly 2,000 ft. and will be capable of accommodating six ocean steamers at a time. A coal depot and godowns for cargo will probably be constructed on either side of the wharf.

A serious fire broke out on board the Austrian Lloyd steamer Viorvax while in dry dock on April 24 shortly after her arrival at Trieste from the East. The vessel had discharged her Trieste cargo before going into dock, but had on board a quantity of jute and other cargo for Fiume which was badly damaged.

The German Mail of the 29th April was delivered in London on the 29th May.

Before Mr. Malbourne today, Lance Sergeant Wilson charged four men with begging. They were fined \$5 each.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending May 17 amounted to 36,758.37 tons and the sales during the period to 43,635.64 tons.

During the past twenty-four hours two further cases of plague have been reported. One was imported, and the other occurred on a boat at Tsai Wan Ho. The total cases for the year now number 98.

The M.M. steamer Ville de la Ciotat was compelled to put back to Colombo on April 25, owing to a defect in her machinery, but after completing repairs was enabled to sail on the following day.

A man and a woman living at Kowloon were charged by the Magistrate today with kidnapping a girl at Yuenai. There was a further charge of indecent assault against the man. The case was remanded until Monday afternoon.

The "South China Morning Post" obtained judgment for \$341.55 against M. A. Clark in an undefended action in the Summary Court this morning. Mr. W. E. L. Sheehan, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harbison, who represented the plaintiff, stated that defendant had left the Colony.

A meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at Hankow was held on May 15 at which vehement protests were made against the increase of freight on river steamers and it was resolved, should their protests not receive attention, to start a steamship service of their own.

The lift in Alexandra Buildings was descending with two Europeans and a Chinese together, with the attendant this morning, and when at the second floor the mechanism went out of order and the lift suddenly dropped to the bottom of the shaft. The force of the fall was broken by automatic buffers, however, and no one was hurt.

In the Summary Court this morning the "China Mail" Ltd., obtained judgment for \$341 in an undefended action against the proprietors of the French Steamer Des Vieux Ronds. Mr. Dennis, of Messrs. Deacon and Bowley, represented the plaintiff, defendants being absent. Mr. A. Bryson, secretary to the plaintiff company, proved the debt, which was for advertising during the past year, and said frequent applications had been made for payment.

At the Magistrate's this morning before Mr. Hazland, Police Sergeant Willis prosecuted two Chinese for being in possession of arms and ammunition. He had the a.s. Empress of India. One man had a revolver and 88 rounds in his trousers, and the other had a revolver concealed on his hips. Defendants were each fined \$25 or three months' imprisonment.

Inspector Dymond charged eleven men before Mr. Hazland this morning with opium smoking in a house at West Point. Inspector Dymond stated that the house had been raided several times this year already, and it was a regular thieves' den. One of the defendants had been in goal twice for larceny. The first defendant, who was the keeper of the driver, was fined \$250, and the remainder were fined \$5 each.

An impudent theft was committed during the night of May 23rd, at the office of the German Consulate. The thieves' booty (for one could not have carried out the theft alone), consisted of two "Adler" typewriters of German make, one of them being quite new. The numbers of these machines are 31 461 and 35 797 and against their purchase a warning has been issued. For the return of the machines a reward is offered.

An effort to raise the sunken steamer Umecka Maru was made on April 27, when the salvage party succeeded in raising the ship from the bottom until the forepart was well above water. At this point, however, part of the confederate collapsed and the vessel again settled down. She remained upright and as soon as the afterpart has been refloated, refloating operations will be proceeded with.

The steamer Dali has been somewhat badly in collision at Bangkok. She dropped down the river with a full cargo on her way to Singapore and anchored near the bar for the tide to rise. The steamer Argon, of 1,000 tons, followed her down the river, bound for Hongkong, and in avoiding slack water near the bank ran into the Dali and damaged her so much that she began to leak. She returned to Bangkok with a noticeable list and will go into dry dock there.

A Chinese and a woman, the latter of whom had her head bandaged, appeared before Mr. Hazland this morning on a charge of disorderly conduct in Des Vieux Ronds. A Chinese constable deposed to seeing the man hitting the woman with a brickbat. He knocked her unconscious. The Magistrate said he thought the man should have been charged with assaulting the woman. Both defendants were discharged, and the Magistrate stated that the man could be re-arrested on a charge of assault.

THE NEW TERRITORIES IN 1912.

Prosperity and Progress.

The annual report upon the administration of the New Territories during 1912, presented to the Legislative Council at its meeting on Thursday, makes very interesting reading. The reports on both southern and northern districts are a record of prosperity and progress.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

With regard to the Northern District the report states that Mr. G. N. Orme acted as District Officer throughout the year. Mr. S. B. B. McElderry acted as assistant District Officer from January 1st to November 20th, and Mr. N. L. Smith from that date until the end of the year.

VILLAGES STAMPED OUT.

The early part of 1912 brought with it a revival of piracy on our northern borders. The fighting in the neighbouring Chinese districts had led to considerable importation of arms and to the enlistment of many soldiers who on the cessation of the disturbance were disbanded but not disarmed, and as money and booty became scarce in their own country, they were naturally drawn, by the comparative opulence of the New Territories, into making raids upon the nearest villages. The state of affairs became so serious that towards the end of June a request for military assistance was made and readily granted. Indian troops were sent out to camp at convenient points and patrol the border, and from that time the border robberies entirely ceased. In the neighbouring Chinese Territory robberies continued for two months more, until the looting of Lo Fong Customs Station, and of some shops in Shan Chun, led to more vigorous measures and the despatch of 300 troops from Canton to Shan Chun. Shortly afterwards four pirates before being shot in Shan Chun admitted that they had been concerned in several of the robberies across our border. The troops remained on the border until October, when they moved into their usual winter camps at points more suitable for manoeuvres.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

The necessary land was resumed for the Au Tau-San Tin Section of the Castle Peak-She Tau Kok road, and for the branch road from Au Tau to Kam Tin; and work on both was begun before the end of the year. A much needed path was constructed by the side of the light railway from Fan Ling to Au Ha Gap. A portion of the proposed road from Tai Po to Fan Ling about 800 yards long with a 20-foot concrete bridge was constructed. An additional section of the reclaimed land in front of Tai Po Market was raised to approved levels, and a new survey was made of this neighbourhood. A large scale survey (50 feet to 1 inch) of the New Territories villages was taken in hand, but little progress was made owing to press of other work; the revision of the 2-foot maps, begun in 1911, was completed during the year.

The border line between the Northern and Southern Districts was materially altered by an order of the Governor-in-Council, the effect of which was to transfer the police district of Tsun Wan, and with it several M.T. villages formerly in Au Tau District, from the Northern to the Southern District.

The year 1912 was the driest on record in the New Territories, only 62.10 inches of rain being registered in the Tai Po rain gauge, as against an average of 90.40 for the last six years. The first crop of rice was just saved by a timely fall of rain in June, and very nearly up to the average, while good prices were realised owing to the drought and disorder in the neighbouring Chinese Territory, which were together responsible for a scanty harvest. The second rice crop came in for a severe drought in September and October, and was very poor in consequence. Sweet potatoes, sugar-cane and peanuts all did well in the beginning of the year, and the latter realised higher prices than usual.

Fruit growing began on a considerable scale in the Fan Ling district. Mr. Ho Tung planted several acres, chiefly of litchies, on his land by the road from Fan Ling to San Tin, and near Fan Ling Station an extensive fruit farm has been opened by a Chinese company in Hongkong; with it are combined a distillery and a chicken farm. In addition to the last named venture, the first steps were taken towards the erection of a new village close to San Wai about a mile eastward from Fan Ling. The prosperity of the Fan Ling valley was further evidenced by the number of new houses which sprang up; and the demand for these was so large both here and elsewhere throughout the Territory as to cause a considerable boom in the brick-making industry.

Prospecting for tin was carried on in the valley to the S.E. of Au Tau Station, with the results that towards the end of the year steps were taken for the location of a tin-mining company in Hongkong. The development of the Fan Ling Golf Links and the construction of the new Golf House proceeded during the year, and an increasing number of members were attracted from Hongkong; but other respects the Territory showed little sign during 1912 of supplying a much needed outlet for the surplus population of Hongkong.

This section of the report is signed by Mr. Orme.

THE SO-THIRAN DISTRICT.

Mr. G. R. Sayers' report upon the Southern District is as follows:

Mr. A. E. Wood acted as Assistant District Officer from January 1st to November 18th. Mr. G. R. Sayers acted from November 18th to the end of the year. One clerk and sheriff was transferred from the Northern District in November.

Considerable additions were made to the numbers of the force owing to the Cheung Chau being the general arrest. At Cheung Chau one European constable and five Indian constables were added to the establishment; and eight special European constables did duty from September 3rd to November 28th. At Tai O the establishment was increased from 10 to 17. Two European constables and eight Indian police constables were added and three Chinese constables withdrawn. Two more Indian police constables were posted to Tung. At Tai Wan the strength was reduced by the withdrawal of two Indian police constables and 19 Chinese constables. Two special constables were posted there from September 7th to November.

The waters of the district were patrolled by No. 4 launch (western patrol) and No. 2 launch (eastern patrol). Table A shows the numbers of the force at its greatest strength.

With regard to the health of the force, it is noticeable that Tai Wan has maintained its high reputation. Both special constables were sent to hospital with fever and in all there were six cases. There had been a large number of crime in the district. Eight cases of armed robbery were reported and six of murder or manslaughter.

MAGISTRACY.

The Assistant District Officer sitting as Police Magistrate heard during the year 124 cases affecting 179 persons. Of these 150 were convicted or bound over and 29 were discharged. The large increase in the amount of fines over that of last year is due to convictions for illegal possession of arms and dynamite by junk-owners.

The following table gives a comparison with the year 1911—

No. of cases, 124. No. of persons affected, 179. Persons convicted or bound over, 150. Persons discharged, 29. Fines (exclusive of opium fines), \$2,112.65. Persons imprisoned, 33. Opium fines paid to the farmer, \$67.74. Forfeitures (estimated), \$104.84. Bail and gambling seizures, \$104.84. \$107.91.

SMALL DEBTS COURT.

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LAND OFFICE.

Eight hundred and sixty-five deeds were registered during the year. This is only slightly above the average for the last seven years during which the Land Ordinance has been in force. There is no doubt that much land changes hands without registration, and it is probable that not more than 10 per cent. of mortgages on land in the less accessible parts of the district are registered. The journey from Lantau is an almost insuperable obstacle, and "stamped paper" is generally considered sufficient security.

Thirty-five auctions were held during the year and 14 sales by private treaty. In all 170 acres were sold with a premium of \$1,138.00 and Crown Road of \$158.25. Fifty-eight lots were resumed, all of these being in connection with improvements in 1912. The total area of resumed land was 11.37 acres at a cost of \$4,833.18. Fifty-four lots were voluntarily surrendered and 84 were re-registered for failure to pay Crown Rent. Nine grave certificates were issued.

REVENUE.

The transfer of Tsun Wan to the Southern District makes a comparison with last year's returns misleading. Tsun Wan represents a Crown rental of \$3,830. Excluding this amount the Crown rental collected in 1912 falls short by \$860 of that collected in 1911. This is accounted for partly by late payment of rates in October, but in the case of Cheung Chau and the east of Lantau Island from a serious blight. Sweet potatoes vegetable land were poor, but those planted on paddy land after the rice harvest promise well, thanks to the timely rains in December. Orchards, apples, which are not planted on an extensive scale and are chiefly for home consumption, were well up to the average. Onions from Tung Chung and been sold in Hongkong. Pineapples, grown only in Tsun Wan and Tsing Yi Island, were a fine crop. Nearly four hundred acres were under pineapples and thirty fresh applications have been received. There is no sugar cane in the Southern District.

The number of earth permits points to considerable activity in building. Matched permits have fallen off proportionately. The increase in Harbour Office receipts is due to the raising of the scale of harbour dues. Quarry returns from New Kowloon show a falling off owing to the small demand in 1912.

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GENERAL.

Prepared opium to the total amount of 12,495,685 taels was sold representing, at an average price of \$4 a tael, a total of \$49,782.74. Tsun Wan accounts for 1,336 taels, exclusive of the amount of about 3,000 taels over last year; 220 taels of cross opium were sold at Tai O. These figures do not include New Kowloon.

The year has clearly been one of general prosperity. The district as a whole is well-watered and little affected by drought. Rats have at Tai O proved a financial success. Quarries recovered somewhat from a dull season last year. Fish were plentiful and the fishing fleets can command good prices owing to the competition of local markets with those of Hongkong and Macao.

The one dissentient voice is that of Cheung Chau, which was beset in turn by plague and by pirates. The attack by pirates, involving as it did the death of three Indian constables, was probably the most serious outrage in the history of the district and showed the necessity of some means of communication with Hongkong. Cheung Chau, however, has sufficient police to rise superior to it for a time. It has added two stores to the ill-fated pawn shop. It has overcome considerable opposition to its new market run strictly on municipal lines. And it has established its own electric light plant and supplies light at a cheaper rate than Hongkong can do.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. T. F. Claxton, Director of the Royal Observatory, Hongkong, returned yesterday from Japan, where he has been attending a Conference of Meteorologists.

Major H. G. Fringle, who has been appointed General Staff Officer (Second Grade), North China Command, from command of the 60th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, Newcastle-Tyne, has been a gunnery officer for 17 years. He is well acquainted with North China, as he took part in the Boxer Campaign of 1900, including the fighting for the relief of Peking, and the actions of Faisang and Yantuan (modal with clasp). He also took part in the Arab Expedition, West Africa, 1901-02 (modal with clasp) and from December, 1905, to March, 1907, was Inspector of Chinese Labourers, Transvaal.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

AMERICA AND JAPAN.

MR. ROOSEVELT'S STRATAGEM.

LONDON, May 30. During the hearing of a libel action, in which Mr. Roosevelt was plaintiff, Mr. O'Laughlin, formerly his Assistant Secretary of State, incidentally testified that Mr. Roosevelt ordered the fleet round the world to prevent war was perfectly evident Japan would not go to war if America was plainly the more powerful, and this was the measure that Mr. Roosevelt took to prevent war.

BRITISH POLITICS.

ALTRINCHAM BY-ELECTION RESULT.

LONDON, May 30. In the Altrincham by-election, Mr. Hamilton, the Unionist candidate, was successful with a poll of 9,459 votes. His opponent was Mr. Kay Shuttleworth (Liberal) who polled 8,147 votes. The vacancy was caused by the resignation of Mr. J. R. Kibby-Flotcher (C.) whose majority was 238.

TURCO-BALKANS WAR.

THE ALLIES' ENTANGLEMENT.

LONDON, May 29. The clause in the Serbo-Bulgarian Treaty gave Serbia an outlet in the Adriatic, and her disposition thereof by the Powers entitled her to compensation at the hands of Bulgaria. Moreover, the events of the war made it desirable that Serbia should have a common frontier with Greece to secure access to Salonika. Bulgaria, further, by demanding Adrianople and the region east of that city had prolonged the war and brought Serbia's help. Serbia sent troops to Thrace, though she was not required to do so by Treaty, and was thus compelled to raise a supplementary force of 100,000, besides sending to Park Modar siege artillery, which the Bulgarians did not possess. Serbia was offered the whole of the Vardar Valley, together with Salonika, if she voluntarily abandoned her claim in the Adriatic, and did not support the Bulgarians at Thrace, but she refused in the interests of the Alliance.

SERBIA'S POSITION.

A message from Belgrade states that the Premier, M. Pasic, made a statement in the Chamber. He said that Serbia in February asked Bulgaria to revise the secret Serbo-Bulgarian Treaty in accordance with the unexpected development. It was not to allow the Powers to intervene in the division of the conquests. Bulgaria refused to negotiate to this end, Serbia had recently renewed overtures and he hoped that these would be received in a friendly spirit.

The situation is considered serious in Belgrade. All officers have been recalled from leave, and the railways have been reserved for military purposes. The general opinion is that Bulgaria will assent to the revision.

A message from Sofia states that the statement by the Serbian Premier has created a bad impression in the Bulgarian capital, but it is hoped that the meeting between M. Pasic and M. Guechoff, the Bulgarian Premier, on Saturday, will relieve the situation.

ANXIETY FELT.

Although the possibilities of war among the Balkanites is anxiously discussed, the firmness of Sir Edward Grey has deeply impressed Greece and Serbia. It is expected that both countries will sign the peace preliminaries to-day.

BULGARIA'S ATTITUDE.

The Bulgarian delegates will sign the treaty of peace to-morrow, as it stands.

Sir Edward Grey informed them this afternoon that the treaty had to be signed to-morrow and asked them whether they were going to sign. This intimation is regarded as signifying that the question of protocols or conventions which the Servians declared they must approve before signing will have to remain in abeyance till after the signing of the treaty.

The Turkish delegates agree that the Bulgarians will not consider extraneous matters till they have signed the treaty. The Bulgarians declined to participate in a "mobbing" held this afternoon to discuss certain conventions, not desiring further differences of opinion to cause delay.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

A DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

6 KILLED; MANY INJURED.

LONDON, May 30. A telegram from Paris states that 6 people have been killed and many injured by an explosion of dynamite in a factory at Port Vendee.

THE DERBY.

THE FRENCH CANDIDATE ARRIVES.

LONDON, May 30. Nimbus, the French candidate for Derby honours, arrived at Folkestone yesterday, and proceeds to Newmarket to-day.

SENSATIONAL SUICIDE IN VIENNA.

AUSTRIAN COLONEL'S DOWNFALL.

LONDON, May 30. A telegram from Vienna states that a sensation has been caused by the suicide of Colonel Redl, an active officer on the General Staff.

The well-informed "Military Rundschau" states that the suicide was committed when Colonel Redl was on the point of being arrested on charges of immorality and of selling official secrets to a Foreign power.

AMERICAN TARIFF BILL.

AN IMPORTANT ALTERATION.

LONDON, May 30. A telegram from Washington states that Mr. Simmons, Chairman of the Finance Committee, has announced that after a conference with President Wilson, the 5 per cent. reduction on the imports carried in American vessels has been eliminated from the Tariff Bill.

GERMANY'S MILITARY EXPENDITURE.

DISCUSSION IN THE REICHTAG.

LONDON, May 30. A telegram from Berlin states that the Budget Committee of the Reichstag have begun a discussion of the Bill authorising an extraordinary levy on property to meet the increased expenditure of the Defence Bills. All the Party leaders approved of the principle, but the spokesmen of the Centre, Radicals and of the National Liberals urged amendments raising the minimum value of property taxable by a graduation levy as regards both property and incomes. Finally, it was agreed that two representatives from each Group should confer with the Imperial Chancellor and arrange a compromise.

REFORMS IN THE CONGO.

GREAT BRITAIN'S RECOGNITION.

LONDON, May 30. In the House of Commons, Sir Edward Grey described the land and other reforms carried out in the Congo by the Belgians and said he considered there was no longer any justification for the withholding of Great Britain's recognition of the Belgian annexation.

A FRANCO-CHINESE BANK.

LONDON, May 30. The prospectus has been issued for the formation of a "Banque Industrielle de Chine" with a capital of 45 million francs. The Chinese Republic promises to assist the bank in the development of the natural resources of China.

TSAR AND FAMILY ON TOUR.

LONDON, May 29. The Tsar, Tsarina, and family have left St. Petersburg for a tour to Vladimir, Nijni Novgorod, Moscow, and other places.

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WANGHAI MOTOR FATALITY.

Magistral Inquiry.

Mr. Hazland, at the Magistral this afternoon, held an inquiry respecting the death of a Chinese named Tang Leung who was knocked down by a motor car driven by Mr. Lauritsen, of the Dragon Cycle Depot, on the 18th inst. and who died on the way to hospital.

The following gentlemen were sworn on the Jury: Messrs. John McLeod, Edward H. Raymond, and Oscar Meyer.

The Magistrate said that the deceased was aged 45. Dr. Harold McFarlane, Medical Officer of the Hongkong Mortuary, deposed to making a post-mortem examination on the 19th inst. The body was identified by the brother of the deceased and others. The cause of death was a fracture of the skull. The ribs were bruised, and deceased was probably hit by the car and knocked his head on the ground.

Tang Chai, the half-brother of the deceased, who is a coolie living in McGregor Street, said the deceased was an active man and had been employed as a coolie. He was not near the scene of the accident at 1.45 on the 18th inst. and when he saw deceased he was unconscious and bleeding. He died on the way to hospital.

Chan Fuk, a coolie living in Wanchai Road, said that he had known the deceased for three or four years. On the day of the accident witness was squatting on the Praya East near Nullah Lane. A motor car came along, and witness saw people running. He did not see the car actually strike the man.

The Magistrate pointed out to witness that he told Sgt. Ogg that he witnessed the accident.

Witness replied that although he did not see the car strike the man, he was there directly after.

Another coolie living at 2, Nullah Lane, was called who said that he saw the car, which was going westward at a fast rate, strike the man after he left the market. The car was avoiding three men who were playing and who ran into the road. Witness did not know the deceased.

A coolie living at 14, Amoy Lane, said that the horn of the car was not sounded, or he would have heard it. The car was going very fast.

Mr. Christen Lauritsen, proprietor of the Dragon Cycle Works, who is a licensed motor car driver, said about 1.45 on the 18th inst. he was driving a car with his wife along the Praya East west of No. 2 Police Station. He was on the left side of the road, and going at a speed of from eight to ten miles an hour. Witness saw the deceased about 25 yards ahead and sounded the horn. The man stopped, as witness thought, to let the car pass, but just as he was about to pass he stepped right in front of the car. To avoid him witness swerved the car to the left, but it was too late, and the mid-guard struck him on the ribs.

The Magistrate said if the Jury believed the evidence of Mr. Lauritsen there could be no question of negligence. The evidence given by the deceased's relatives to the police was to the effect that the deceased was near-sighted. Chan Fuk also gave the same evidence as Mr. Lauritsen. The man evidently waited until he saw the car pass, and being near-sighted he thought he could run across in front of the car.

A verdict of accidental death was returned.

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

This universally popular feast in the Roman Catholic Church is being celebrated today throughout the Catholic world.

In the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception a solemn Mass was said by Bishop Pozzoni, at which over 700 people participated in the Holy Communion. Three new Promoters were enrolled in the Apostleship of Prayer, the ceremony was simple and impressive and was performed by the Bishop, previous to the Mass. The Chaplet of the Sacred Heart and its beautiful altar were artistically decorated with palms and lighted by electricity. Evening service takes place at 5 o'clock, in which solemn Vespers will be sung and followed by the procession of the Blessed Sacrament within the precincts of the church, concluding with the solemn Benediction. An "At Home" will be held in the Catholic Union this evening between 9 and 11 o'clock, and the "Society of the Sacred Heart" will be in attendance.

A MONEY CHANGING TRICK.

At the Magistral before Mr. McLeod to-day, Inspector Mr. Hardy presented a Chinese for attempting to obtain money by false pretences. Defendant had made up two rolls of cash, to represent rolls of twenty cent pieces. He then went to a money-changer at Wanchai and as he changed for a \$ 0.10. After receiving the subsidiary coin, he put the rolls in his pocket, but afterwards complained that the money-changer said he would increase the premium, the man wanted his note back, and had to back the rolls of coin, having meanwhile substituted the rolls of cash. The change stated that the paper of the rolls was different, and on opening the roll found it contained cash. Defendant was then arrested.

Defendant was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and four strokes.

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ABSENT DEFENDANTS.

OBJECTION TO ADJOURNMENT.

In the Summary Court this morning when the action Man Ming v. Wong Lam was called, Mr. C. F. Mason (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist), applied on behalf of the defendant for an adjournment sine die, as his client, a cook on the Chiao Maru, had left with his ship, and would not return for two and a half months.

Mr. Faithfull, representing the plaintiff, strongly objected to such an adjournment, it was perfectly unreasonable to expect plaintiffs to be kept waiting so long, and he did not see why a man should get into debt and then go away.

Mr. Mason said the debt was disputed. His Lordship could not help thinking that defendant had been rather lax in going away as he did.

Mr. Faithfull pointed out that no particulars had been filed giving particulars of the dispute on defendant's part. Mr. Mason offered to give Mr. Faithfull notice when the boat was expected back. His Lordship thought defendant should take the consequence of going away, but he consented to Mr. Mason's request for a week's adjournment.

The claim was for \$131.50. Mr. Mason objected to adjournment in the action brought by Messrs. Moulder and Company, for whom he appeared, against the Tei Ping Nam. The claim was for \$1000, and at the last sitting day the case was put over to the next list.

Mr. W. B. Hind, of Messrs. Stratton and Hoyt, who appeared for defendant said, he was not ready to go on with the case as one of his witnesses was away, in Hongkong; he was going round to Rangoon and then coming to Hongkong again.

Mr. Mason remarked that this was the case a fortnight ago. Mr. Hind said the witness would be back in about three weeks' time. Mr. Mason asked for a day to be fixed for the hearing, but as his Lordship had none vacant the case had to go over to the next list.

SPORTING.

Billiards.

The match between the Royal Engineers (A) and D. C. L. I. (A) is the second round of the Volunteer Challenge Cup, commenced at the Soldiers' Club last night.

The first pair to try conclusions were Corple, Carpenter, R. E. (A), and Sgt. Bowen, D. C. L. I. (A). They were evenly matched; Carpenter leading 50-49, while at 74 the scores were level. Bowen was leading at 150, being 10 points in front, and in the last twenty he lost a chance of winning the game with the result that Carpenter won by 11 points. Breaks, Carpenter, 17, 15, 13, 13, 11. Bowen, 17, 13, 13, 11. Scores, Corple, Carpenter, 200; Sgt. Bowen, 189.

The second game was played by Sgt. Osler, D. C. L. I. (A) and Sapper Cox, R. E. (A). Osler went off at a terrific rate, scoring 50 while Cox obtained 3, and 100 to 60. Meanwhile Cox had compiled a grand break of 36 by means of good all round play. Osler then increased his lead passing 150 with an advantage of 45 points, and later having a lead of over 70. With his opponent wanting less than 20 for games, Cox made breaks of 38 and 16, the former a splendid effort. Osler won the game but only by the narrow margin of 13 points. Breaks, Osler, 24, 15, 15, 11, 10, Cox, 38, 36, 16, 10. Scores, Sgt. Osler 200; Sapper Cox, 187.

The last game was between Sgt. Regan, R. E. (A) and Pte. Garner, D. C. L. I. (A). In this game Regan was a little lucky but played coolly and gave his opponent very nervous. Garner was the first to reach 50, Regan's score being only one less, but the Engineer was the first to get the hundred being 24 points to the good. Afterwards it was all Regan's game, a nice break of 24 helped him well on his way, and several smaller breaks enabled him to win by the large margin of 90 points. Breaks, Regan, 24, 14, 12, 12, 10, Garner, 20. Scores, Sgt. Regan, 200; Pte. Garner, 110.

The Royal Engineers (A) have obtained a lead of 89 points, the total scores being: R. E. (A), 587; D. C. L. I. (A), 499.

Water Polo.

V.R.C. and the Royal Engineers played at the V.R.C. Baths yesterday evening, the former winning, after a good game, by one goal to nil.

DALLAS COMEDY COMPANY.

The Dallas Comedy Company repeated "The Thief" at the Victoria Theatre last night before a very meagre audience. The play is one that calls for a considerable amount of ability from each of the members of the cast, but the Dallas Company respond to that call with ease, and the play loses none of its force in such capable hands. There are but six characters in the cast, but all have a considerable amount of work to do, and they did it well last night. A good deal of the enjoyment of the play, however, was lost by the noise caused by the trams and other street noises.

To-night and to-morrow night "The Touch of Truth" and "Lydia" and the "Parson" will be staged.

MOTOR CAR DRIVER CHARGED.

A Chinese motor car driver was charged before Mr. Hazland this morning at the Magistral with reckless driving at Des Voeux Road West. The evidence was to the effect that the defendant knocked down a boy. No harm was done. The boy was sent to hospital, and was detained for two days with gravel rash. Defendant said that the boy went behind a tram, and he did not see him. Owing to the conflicting nature of the evidence, the defendant was discharged.

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THE MURDER OF GEN. HSU PAO-SAN.

Yanchow, May 24th. General Hsu Pao-san, the famous "Tiger Hat," was killed at his home in Yangchow this morning at fifteen minutes to eight by the explosion of a bomb.

Several days ago he had sent a trusted messenger to Shanghai to purchase a rare specimen for his porcelain and china collection. Last night a sealed package was presented at the General's door. It was understood that this was the expected article, and that the messenger had been delayed. The box was one foot long and five inches deep, sealed, and addressed intended for the General's own hand. Because of pressing business matters he did not open it until this morning. The raising of the lid set in motion the deadly machinery within, and a violent explosion immediately occurred.

The General was horribly mangled. A servant standing near was killed outright; his head being blown from his body. Another servant at some distance was badly injured. He was at once taken to the soldiers' hospital, but his present condition is not known.

For many months General Hsu has taken every precaution for his own safety, especially during the recent political complications. His murderers chose an ingenious method of assassination, showing an intimate knowledge of his personal affairs, by sending the bomb just at the time he was expecting the package from Shanghai.

To-night the city is quiet. The General's younger brother has assumed the temporary command of the military forces here, and the soldiers seem to be under perfect control.

This past week General Hsu has incurred the especial enmity of his political opponents by holding up nine boats of soldiers on their way north from Yangchow until word came from President Yuan to let them pass.

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